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11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Please protect accordingly.

12. (SBU) Per reftel instructions, Emboffs contacted the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) and Foreign Trade Undersecretariat (FTU). The Directorate of Agricultural Research at MARA, which has been the lead agency on CBD-related matters, said that Turkey would not be sending a delegation to the meeting in Mexico. FTU officials confirmed the same and noted that they had not even been made aware of the meeting. Post considers it likely that the EU will speak on behalf of Turkey, as it did in the May 2008 meeting in Bonn.

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